THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Role of State Governments is important in promoting exports. Government of India has re-emphasised this by suggesting constitution of State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) at State level headed by the Chief Secretary of the State comprising officers of Government of India/State Government. Funds are also being made available to State Governments for bridging gaps in infrastructure affecting exports from the States.

Tobacco consumption in the country

490. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco consumption in the country has dropped after imposing ban on smoking in public places;

(b) if so, the percentage of drop in tobacco consumption; and

(c) the strategies adopted to compensate the loss to the tobacco industry due to ban on smoking in public places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b)The available statistics do not show a fall in consumption of tobacco in the country after imposition of ban on smoking in public places.

(c) Does not arise.

V. Govindarajan Committee Report

491. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the V. Govindarajan Committee in its recent report on Reforming Investment Approval and Implementation procedures-Part II has *inter alia* recommended the setting up of an Industrial Investment Facilitation Board on the lines of Foreign Investment Implementation Authority;